

Guard's House Liaison Office, his Coast Guard career began more than three decades earlier as a 1975 graduate of the Recruit Training Center in Alameda, CA.

In 1975, Seaman Apprentice Milne was assigned to his first unit working as a Search and Rescue communications watchstander and a Motor Life Boat coxswain. During this assignment he also became one of the few distinguished registered SURFMAN in the Coast Guard while being promoted quickly to the rank of boatswain's mate first class and accepting the duties as executive petty officer of Station Umpqua River in Winchester Bay, OR. Commander Milne received five promotions within his first 3½ years in the United States Coast Guard.

In 1983, he was promoted to chief petty officer and transferred to the Second Coast Guard District in St Louis, MO, serving in the Rescue Coordination Center overseeing search and rescue and bridge operations in a 22-State area throughout the Midwest before being selected to attend Officer Candidate School in Yorktown, VA, in 1986. Later that year, he was promoted to the rank of ensign, thus beginning his commissioned career.

During his 31-year career, Commander Milne has been assigned to seven coast Guard cutters and has commanded the cutters *Cape Cowin*, *Redwood* and *Juniper*. His shore assignments have included the Professional Development staff at the Coast Guard Academy, Office of Financial Management at Coast Guard Headquarters, and as Surface Operations Assignment officer at the Personnel Command.

This week, Commander Milne will leave his post as the Coast Guard's House liaison and head off to the Naval War College in Newport, RI. He will be missed in the United States House of Representatives.

It has been my pleasure to work with Commander Milne. On behalf of all who have also been fortunate to work with him, we wish Commander Milne and his wife Martina the best in all of their future endeavors.

A TRIBUTE TO GEORGE UPTON,  
JR.

**HON. MIKE McINTYRE**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 11, 2006*

Mr. McINTYRE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Mr. George Upton, Jr. for his remarkable 50 years of service in the Sampson County Agricultural Extension Service. George's tremendous spirit, dedication and work in the agricultural industry has greatly helped the citizens of Sampson County and the State of North Carolina, and George should be commended for his service.

George demonstrated a strong work ethic and commitment to improving the agricultural industry from an early age. After receiving his degree in Animal Science from North Carolina State University in 1959, George began his career as a 4-H agent with the Sampson County Agricultural Extension Service. Later, George went on to become a livestock agent and is now the Sampson County Cooperative Extension director.

George has brought exemplary service and visionary leadership to every position he has

held throughout his career. Not only has he served as an educator and mentor, but George has helped make significant advancements in agriculture during the last 50 years. For instance, George has helped implement innovative programs, contributed to the utilization of new technologies in the livestock area, and he has been instrumental in obtaining additional funding for agriculture. George has been essential to the creation of the Sampson County Friends of Agriculture.

George has received numerous awards recognizing his contribution to agriculture and to Sampson County. He has received awards from the Cooperative Extension Service, has been recognized by the beef and pork industry, and he has been inducted into the Sampson County Hall of Fame. In addition, the Sales Arena and Show Ring at the Sampson County Livestock Facility are named in his honor.

There may be no greater tribute to George, however, than the recent creation by his friends and colleagues of the George Upton, Jr., Livestock Endowment for Sampson County. This endowment honors George's outstanding 50 years of service and brings together his commitment to Sampson County and its people with his passion for the livestock program. The endowment will be housed by the North Carolina Cooperative Extension Service Foundation and will provide programmatic funding for adult and youth livestock programs, awards and recognition for competitive activities, and educational scholarships in animal science. This endowment will help ensure that George's commitment to providing improvement to and opportunities for livestock programs in Sampson County will continue for generations to come.

We thank George, on behalf of the citizens of Sampson County, NC, and the Nation for his remarkable service to agriculture. May God's strength, joy and peace be with him always.

HONORING THE STATE OF HAWAII  
FOR COMBATING UNDERAGE  
DRINKING

**HON. NEIL ABERCROMBIE**

OF HAWAII

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 11, 2006*

Mr. ABERCROMBIE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend the Hawaii State Legislature for increasing penalties for adults who supply alcohol to persons under the legal drinking age of 21. I believe this is one important step toward attacking the supply chain that fuels the national problem of underage drinking.

According to authorities, adults are by far the main source of alcohol for underage drinkers. A report to Congress by the National Academy of Sciences identified friends and adult purchasers as the most frequent sources of alcohol among college students and older adolescents. Family members were cited as the most frequent source for younger adolescents. The Century Council, a not-for-profit educational organization dedicated to fighting drunk driving and underage drinking, found that 65 percent of underage drinkers get their alcohol from family and adult friends.

Hawaii's new law is among 7 bills that have passed into law and nearly 20 that have been

introduced in States throughout our great Nation that link underage drinking and providing alcohol to those under 21 with a penalty relating to the revocation of driving privileges for the offender. Diageo, a large beverage alcohol company, in an example of enlightened corporate citizenship, is among the firms that have led the effort to move this type of legislation in state legislatures throughout the country. As such, many have referred to bills like Hawaii's new law as a "Diageo Bill."

The American Legislative Exchange Council has made the "Diageo Bill" one of their model pieces of legislation for 2006. I urge all States to pass this type of measure.

While only one piece of this important puzzle, the State of Hawaii along with the people at Diageo and those of similarly committed companies should be commended for being a leader in the fight against underage drinking.

TEXAS RANGER DREW CARTER—  
TEXAS LAWMAN

**HON. TED POE**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 11, 2006*

Mr. POE. Mr. Speaker, it was a scene out of an old western movie: The villainous outlaw, realizing his defeat, surrenders in the hot sun to the valiant lawman. For Texas Ranger Drew Carter however, there was no mistaking that this scenario was not some Hollywood fantasy, but a dangerous reality. On July 13, 1999, Ranger Carter was waiting, with a knot in the pit of his stomach, at the center of a bridge connecting El Paso, TX to Mexico. He was waiting for true evil to show his face.

This tale begins 2 years earlier when a series of brutal murders occurred in homes along the railroad tracks in Texas. Texans were paralyzed with fear by a serial killer dubbed the "Railroad Killer." He baffled law enforcement because it seemed as if he randomly chose his victims and the times of the attacks, making it impossible to know who and when he would strike next. He used any weapon available: a pickax, a sledgehammer, a tire iron, a shotgun. The only common factor was that each victim lived by railroad tracks.

Slowly, through cooperation of local, State, and federal agencies, Angel Resendez Ramirez, an illegal Mexican immigrant would be wanted for the brutal slayings. He was elusive, slipping back and forth across the U.S./Mexican border more than a dozen times, and evading several FBI arrest traps. It would finally take the unyielding efforts of Texas Ranger Drew Carter to end Ramirez's violent reign.

The Texas Rangers are the most well-known and respected law enforcement officers in the World, more famous than Scotland Yard itself. Established in 1823 by Stephen F. Austin, the Rangers were the protectors of new settlers in the untamed Spanish Province, of what is now Texas. They have done battle with horse thieves, bank robbers, "Indians," outlaws, and were even instrumental in the U.S.' success in the Mexican-American War. Over the next 150 years, the responsibilities of Texas Rangers grew to include investigations, fugitive apprehension, and assisting other law enforcement across the State. They are elite; there are only 118 commissioned Rangers,